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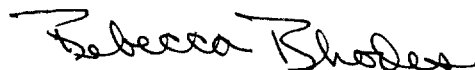
Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I was shocked to learn recently that egg producers in our country are treating their laying hens like factory equipment, employing such practices as forced molting, food/water deprivation, or mixing their food with sawdust & antibiotics to maximize their output! I know these practices have been banned in Great Britain & most of Europe, and I can't believe that capitalism has driven Americans to allow this to go on in our farm industry.

Mankind has no right to treat other beings in this manner, nor should we want to consume food products derived this way. As a result, I am urging everyone I know to STOP EATING EGGS until farmers "get with the program"!

And, at the very least, I want you to know that I ***strongly support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).***

Sincerely,



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